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The Rev. D. F. Bittle, of the Maryland Synod, was introduced, and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

III. *Resolved*, That Synod will spend half an hour in prayer, each morning previous to the opening of its sessions, with special reference to the divine blessing upon its proceedings.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

Prayer by br. Smith.

Br. Wachter, of the Maryland Synod, now preached to a large and attentive congregation, from Luke xix. 41—42.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Seiss.

Rev. Mr. Frainey, of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The President now reported the following committees :

First Committee.—Rev. Baughman, Seiss, Ludden, and Ronamous.

Second Committee.—Rev. Seiss, Smith, Eichelberger, Suman, and Baumgarner.

Third Committee.—Rev. Miller, Rude, Shepperson, and Coffelt.

Fourth Committee.—Rev. Wagner, Ludden, Suman, and Beard.

Fifth Committee.—Rev. Smith, Campbell, Summers, and Gruber.

Sixth Committee.—Rev. Smith, Wagner, Shickle, and Gruber.

Seventh Committee.—On minutes of last Synod, Rev. Rude, Miller, and Campbell.

Eighth Committee.—On minutes of sister Synods, Rev. Eichelberger, Wagner, Campbell and Hoffman.

Ninth Committee.—On minutes of the General Synod, Rev. Smith, Miller, Seiss, and Coffman.

Tenth Committee.—On Education, Rev. Rude, Baughman, Smith, Ludden, and Wells.

The following committees were subsequently appointed :

Committee on Vacant Congregations.—Rev. Wagner, Seiss, and Suman.

Committee on Treasurer's Report.—Rev. Campbell, Rude, and Bare.

Committee on Centenary Fund.—Rev. Smith, Wagner, Seiss, and Hoffman.

The parochial reports were now called for, and as the roll was called, were handed in, as recorded in the table, showing the following aggregate :

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR 1846

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	BAPTISMS.		Total.	Confirmations.	Admitted by Certificate.	Communicants.	Removed.	Death of members.	Funerals Attended.	S. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Pr. Meetings.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.
		Infants.	Adults.												
Rev. N. Schmucker,	4	28	3	31	52		305			15				1	Woodstock, Friedens, Fairview and St. Stephens.
" T. Miller,	2	5		5			60				1				Madison and Zion, Shenandoah Co.
" J. B. Davis,	2	27		27	5	2	200				1	15	80	4	Newtown and Furnace.
" L. Eichelberger,															No charge.
" S. Wagner,	1	4		4	2		61	3			1	10	50	1	Zion, Augusta Co.
" P. Shickle,	4	11	10	21	34		227				4			6	Bridgewater, Dayton, Friedens and Churchville.
" S. Allenbaugh,	3														No report.
" J. Baker,															No report.
" W. Shepperson,	2	10		10										2	Mount Carmel and Rinehart's Glade.
" A. R. Rude,	1									5	2				Mt. Jackson (served as a supply.)
" C. C. Baughman,															No charge.
" J. A. Seiss,	1	27	1	28		2	110	1	2		1	19	76	2	Shepherdstown.
" J. Few Smith,	2	3		3		5	210		3	11	1	20	100	5	Winchester and Bethel.
" S. Filler,	4	3		3			36							2	Union, Keezletown, McGacheyville, & Conrad's S. [House.
" J. J. Suman,	3	16	2	18	6	2	73		1	5	1	15	70	1	Smithfield, Stone's Chapel and Gerardstown.
" J. F. Campbell,	2	6	6	12	37		127				1	15	75	3	Strasburg and Brook Union.
" A. P. Ludden,	1	23	2	25	10	5	260				2	18	105	6	Mt. Tabor, Augusta Co.
" J. Summers,	3	10	1	11	6		95				1			3	Cross Roads, Solomon's, and St. John's.
" C. M. Shepperson,															No charge.
" J. Richards,	4				4		75		1					3	Wardensville, Cacahon, Cedar Creek and Dry Run.
Total,	89	146	25	171	151	14	1639	4	7	136	15	97	476	33	

STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

The brethren were now called upon for any statements they might deem it proper to make, connected with their parochial reports and the state of religion in the churches, the roll having been called again for that purpose.

These statements were listened to with great interest, and occupied the greater portion of the evening session. From them the Secretary gathered that, on the whole, the cause of religion was prosperous in the bounds of Synod, and that there was reason to believe that our churches were advancing in piety and more active devotion to the cause of Christ. Evangelical truth was gaining ground, though its progress was slow and sometimes almost imperceptible, yet to the eye of faith it was encouraging. Some few instances of special gracious influences were noted, when individual congregations were refreshed, believers strengthened, and sinners converted. The means of grace had been faithfully dispensed during the year, and though special tokens of their saving influence had not been given, none could say that their labors of love had been in vain. The church of one brother had been burned during the past winter, which was referred to as a severe trial to the faith of the congregation to whom it belonged, it being a very weak and feeble one, but trusting to divine help, they had resolved to rebuild it, and would have it ready for dedication during the ensuing summer. Another church, not now regularly supplied, but occasionally visited by another brother, had suffered a similar calamity, but it was hoped would also be rebuilt. Sabbath Schools were referred to as beginning to receive more attention, and benevolent enterprises to be better understood and supported, which were signs of encouragement. All seemed to feel that the fields of labor they occupied were important, and were resolved to labor on with the assurance that their efforts to glorify God in the building up of his kingdom, would be succeeded by the divine blessing and redound to the praise of him by whom they had been commissioned to preach his word.

Reference having been made, in connection with the statements of the brethren, to congregations that were destitute, or only partially supplied, it was

IV. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report what congregations are vacant in the bounds of Synod, and recommend some plan for having them supplied. Rev. Wagner, Seiss, and Suman, were appointed the committee.

REPORT OF THE CENTENARY TREASURER.

Mr. T. B. Campbell, Centenary Treasurer, per Rev. J. Few Smith, made the following report :

Centenary Fund.

CR.	In account with Thomas B. Campbell, Treasurer :		
1845, June 26.	By cash received of Rev. S. Filler,	- -	\$10 00
1846, January.	By " " Miss Mary Pitman,	- -	5 00
" May.	By " " on Winchester subscriptions,	-	40 07
			\$55 07

DR.	To cash paid for blank book, - \$ 38		
1845.	" " Postage,	- -	10
	" " Rev. Seiss, balance	} 35 78	
	in full. Synod's order given May, 1844,		
			\$36 26

Balance subject to order of Synod, - - \$18 81

THOMAS B. CAMPBELL,

May, 1846.

Treasurer.

Report accepted and referred to the Committee on the Centenary Fund.

The following report, from Mr. Campbell, in relation to the Centenary Fund, was also presented by br. Smith, and referred to the same committee :

The undersigned, appointed by Synod at its last session, to examine and arrange the centenary accounts, and to collect, through agents, the amounts subscribed, respectfully reports, that after making efforts he has been unable to obtain a satisfactory account of the present state of the subscription lists. His report as Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, presents all the information in his possession.

THOS. B. CAMPBELL.

Winchester, May 6, 1846.

REPORT OF THE CENTENARY AGENT.

Rev. S. Wagner, as Centenary Agent, made the following report :
S. Wagner, as Centenary Agent,

In account with the Virginia Synod :

Dr.

For subscription paid by M. A. Koiner, being half of the 2d, and whole			
	of the 3d and 4th instalments,	- - - - -	\$25 00
"	" " by G. W. Deal, 3d and 4th instalments,	- -	4 00
"	" " Joseph Fauber, 2d and 3d do.	- -	4 00
"	" " Geo. Baylor, 3d do.	- - - - -	5 00
"	" " Jacob Harner, 3d do.	- - - - -	3 00
"	" " Mary A. Keiser, 4th do.	- - - - -	5 00
			\$46 00

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1845, Oct. 8.		By amount forwarded to the Treasurer and appropriated
		to the Trustees of the Staunton church, being paid on their note in
bank,	- - - - -	45 00
Balance in Agent's hands,	- - - - -	<u>\$ 1 00</u>

For reasons satisfactory to myself, and made known to the President of Synod at an early date, I acted as Agent only in my own congregation.

S. WAGNER, Agent.

Report accepted and referred to the committee on the Centenary Fund.

V. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on the Centenary Fund, to report such action as they may deem best to provide for the collection of the subscriptions due to said fund. Rev. Smith, Wagner, Siess, and Hoffman, were appointed the committee.

Adjourned, with prayer by br. Wagner.

At night br. Ludden preached from Acts xvii, 30.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Bittle.

Br. Miller, heretofore appointed to write out a history of the Virginia Synod since its organization, was called upon to say whether he was prepared to furnish said history.

The brother replied that he found the work one of much labor, and though he had made some progress in its preparation, it was not completed, and would take this occasion to request of the members of Synod to furnish him with any facts in their possession, that might aid in its preparation.

After some remarks, in regard to the importance of the work, and showing the wishes of the brethren that it should be completed, it was

VI. *Resolved*, That br. Miller be requested to complete said history, and that he furnish two copies, one for Synod, and one for the Historical Society at Gettysburg. It was also

VII. *Resolved*, That each pastor, in connection with this Synod, be requested to prepare a short history of his particular church or churches, to be presented to Synod, and that these histories be transferred to the Historical Society.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and referred to the committee appointed to report on the same.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SYNODICAL TREASURY.

Contributions from the churches for the Synodical Treasury, required to be not less than five dollars from each charge, were now called for, and paid to the Treasurer, as follows :

<i>Churches.</i>				<i>Amount.</i>
REV. N. Schmucker's charge,	-	-	-	\$5 00
" T. Miller's "	-	-	-	5 00
" J. B. Davis' "	-	-	-	5 00
" S. Wagner's "	-	-	-	5 00
" P. Shickle's "	-	-	-	5 00
" S. Allenbaugh's "	(Absent.)			
" A. R. Rude "	(No charge but paid)			5 00
" J. A. Seiss' "	-	-	-	5 00
" J. Few Smith's "	-	-	-	7 50
" J. J. Suman's "	-	-	-	5 00
" J. F. Campbell's "	-	-	-	5 00
" S. Filler's "	-	-	-	5 00
" W. Shepperson's "	-	-	-	5 00
" A. P. Ludden's "	-	-	-	5 00
" J. Summers' "	-	-	-	5 00
" J. Richard's "	-	-	-	5 00
Total	-	-	-	<u>\$77 50</u>

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO MARYLAND SYNOD.

Br. Smith reported verbally that he attended, as delegate from this body, the meeting of the Maryland Synod, which was held in Washington city, in October last. The church in which Synod held its sessions has been erected under its care, and promises to be completed in a style and manner befitting its location in the capital of the nation. The brethren of this Synod are active and enterprising, and their churches generally are reported as prosperous. Nothing of special interest transpired in relation to this body. Your delegate was kindly received, and the Rev. Mr. Cline, of that Synod, was appointed delegate to this body.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. J. Few Smith, Jr., read the following report from the Delegates to the General Synod :

The Delegates to the General Synod respectfully report,—That all the clerical and two of the lay delegates from this Synod, attended the meeting of the General Synod, in Philadelphia, in May last. The Synod was composed of sixty-one members, to whom were added about forty clergymen of our own and other denominations as advisory members, making one of the largest meetings of that body that has ever been held. This expression of interest in the church at large, and of attachment to the

General Synod, was highly gratifying, as was also the spirit of unity and zeal which animated its proceedings. As its printed minutes are in the hands of the members of this body, and will probably receive attention from a special committee, your delegates refrain from speaking at large concerning them.

They would state, however, that agreeably to a resolution of this Synod, passed at its meeting in Shepherdstown, your delegates advocated the proposition to hold triennial instead of biennial meetings of the General Synod. This proposition was acceded to, and the General Synod adjourned to meet in the city of New York, on the Saturday succeeding the second Thursday in May, 1848.

L. EICHELBERGER,
S. WAGNER,
J. FEW SMITH,
WM. MILLER,
THOS. B. CAMPBELL.

Report was accepted and adopted, after which Synod adjourned.

Closed with prayer by br. Shepperson.

The congregation, having again assembled for public service, a preparatory sermon was preached by br. Rude. Text 1 Cor. xi. 27, 28, 29th verses.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Summers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee No. 1, to whom was referred the address of the President, respectfully report :

That the *first item* claiming attention in said report, is in relation to the supply of destitute congregations in the bounds of Synod, and recommends the formation of a Domestic Missionary Society. With the recommendation your committee heartily concur, and suggest that this subject be referred to the committee on vacant congregations.

2nd *Item* refers to a correspondence relative to the interests of our church at Richmond. Your committee suggest that this matter be left in the hands of the committee on this correspondence.

3d *Item* refers to the *ad interim* licensure of Rev. C. M. Shepperson and Rev. John Richards. This is a matter that properly belongs to the Ministerium, and will receive its attention.

4th *Item* relates to some derangement in the pastoral districts in Augusta county. It is recommended that a special committee be appointed on this subject.

5th *Item* refers to the Virginia Institute in Augusta county.

6th *Item* to the establishment of a female seminary. Your committee suggest that both these items be referred to the committee on Education.

7th *Item* calls attention to the importance of elevating the standard of ministerial education. Upon this point the President urges the necessity of a high degree of literary training, and has the hearty concurrence of your committee. It is sincerely hoped that the future action of Synod, in the reception of candidates will be strictly conformed to it.

8th *Item* refers to the publications of the American Tract Society. Your committee cheerfully unite with the President in recommending them to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BAUGHMAN,
J. A. SEISS,
A. P. LUDDEN,
A. RONAMOUS,

The report was accepted, and its several items considered and adopted.

Bros. Baughman, Ludden, Shickle, and Baumgarner were appointed the special committee, to whom item 4th in the report was referred.

THIRD COMMITTEE.

Committee No. 3 made the following report :

The document placed in the hands of your committee is an account from the Lutheran Book Company in Baltimore, of \$39 55, for printing the minutes of 1845. Your committee, having compared the account with the terms of contract upon which the printing of the minutes had been authorized, find that a reduction of about \$5 00 should be made from said account. Your committee suppose that the error has occurred by the Company's Agent overlooking the said terms referred to, and would offer the following resolution for the adoption of Synod :

VIII. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the Book Company the sum of \$35 00 in full of their account for printing the minutes of 1845, that being the amount due by Synod as per terms specified in regard to said printing.

T. MILLER,
A. R. RUDE,
W. SHEPPERSON,
G. COFFELT.

Report accepted.

The Secretary, to whom, under the direction of Synod, the printing of the minutes had been committed, explained that he had furnished at his request the Company's Agent with a copy of the terms agreed upon in regard to the minutes ; that the mistake had doubtless occurred by overlooking said terms in charging the work, and that the error would be promptly corrected, when brought to the attention of the Agent who now, however, as it was known, was absent from Baltimore. The estimate of the committee was also shown to be correct, whereupon

On motion, the report was adopted.

FOURTH COMMITTEE.

Fourth committee reported as follows :

The first among the several papers given into the hands of the committee, is a letter to this body from Rev. C. M. Shepperson, in which he assigns the reasons which

prevented him from attending Synod, and begs that he may be excused. Your committee move the following resolutions :

IX. *Resolved*, That the absence of br. Shepperson be excused.

X. *Resolved*, That the part of his letter referring to this subject, together with the other papers in the hands of the committee, be referred to the ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WAGNER,
A. P. LUDDEN,
J. J. SUMAN,
C. BEARD.

The report was accepted and adopted.

SEVENTH COMMITTEE.

On Minutes of Sister Synods.

Seventh Committee presented their report on the minutes of sister Synods, which had been referred to them. (See report, Appendix B.)

Report accepted and adopted.

EIGHTH COMMITTEE.

On the Minutes of the General Synod.

The committee to whom were referred "The Proceedings of the Thirteenth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, convened in Philadelphia, May 16, 1845," respectfully report :

That this convention of the General Synod was unusually large, and its proceedings were marked with much interest. Upwards of sixty members were in attendance, including three clerical and two lay delegates from this body, and nearly forty ministers of our own and other denominations were received as advisory members. Thirteen Synods were represented, the Miami Synod having been admitted at this Session. The records of the Convention show an increasing attachment to the General Synod, and an increased prosperity of our church. Without entering too minutely into the details of its proceedings, your committee would direct the attention of this body to the following particulars, as claiming our regard.

Page 29. Terms of fraternal correspondence were entered into between the General Synod and the Triennial General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. Each body agrees to send a delegate to the other body ; ministers belonging to the two denominations shall be mutually invited to sit as advisory members in their ecclesiastical bodies ; invitations to the communion table shall be reciprocally extended to their members, and certificates of dismissal shall be given from one to the other.

With reference to this subject your committee would respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolution :

XI. *Resolved*, That we view, with much satisfaction, the formation of a correspondence, by our General Synod, with the Presbyterian church, on terms of christian fellowship and fraternal respect, and will cordially endeavor to carry out the principles therein involved.

Page 41. The new Liturgy was reported on, and after discussion, the Liturgical committee were directed to make in it certain alterations, to submit the whole for

general revisal to Professor H. J. Smith, whose effort it should be to give as much unity as possible to the style, and then to publish 500 copies on good paper and with clear type, which should be sold at such a price as would defray the expenses of printing, &c.

Your committee are informed that Professor Smith has discharged his office, and the work for some weeks has been ready for the printer, but owing to some misunderstanding, the printing will probably be delayed until the return of Dr. Kurtz from Europe. It is to be hoped that the Liturgy will meet the approbation of the church, and that by the use of it, our churches may at last attain to uniformity, in conducting divine worship.

Page 44. A committee of five was appointed to examine the General Synod's Hymn Book, and report at the next convention of the General Synod, what, if any, alterations or additions should be made.

Page 44. The report of the committee on the state of the church is somewhat indefinite, but presents in substance, a very favorable and encouraging view of our condition.

A committee was appointed on the subject of Christian Union, and the committee on Foreign Correspondence was continued and directed to correspond with the churches in the mother country, giving right views of the principles and practices of the American Lutheran Church, and enlisting their interest and aid in behalf of our church, and to direct missionaries from Europe to proper stations in this country.

The committee on Foreign correspondence was also directed to prepare and report to the next General Synod, a clear and concise view of the doctrines and practices of the American Lutheran church.

Your committee would call the attention of Synod to the following preamble and resolution, *page 60*, unanimously adopted :

“WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures plainly teach that the preservation of the church, and the conversion of the world, mainly depend on the effusion of the Holy Spirit on all flesh ; and whereas, we have abundant cause at this time to lament the withholding of that measure of the Spirit's saving influence, which our Zion enjoyed in former years, which is doubtless owing to our unfaithfulness as a church ; and whereas, we deeply deplore this state of things, and earnestly deprecate its consequences to our church, and the cause of religion in general, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all our pastors the appointment of the first Monday in January, annually, as one of special humiliation and prayer, on which they humble themselves with their people, before Almighty God, penitently confessing sin, and earnestly imploring the out-pouring of the Spirit on our churches, our institutions, our Foreign Mission, and the whole world.”

In reference to the above, your committee suggest the adoption of the following resolution :

XII. *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the setting apart of the first Monday in January, annually, as a day of humiliation and prayer, and that we will endeavor so to observe it in all our respective charges : meeting together to thank Almighty God for his mercies, penitently to confess our sins, and earnestly to implore the out-pouring of the Spirit on our churches, our institutions, our Foreign Mission, and the whole world.

Resolutions were passed, approving of the American Bible and Tract Societies, and the Sunday School Union ; with reference to the observance of the Sabbath, and the preservation and promotion of peace. Interesting meetings of the Foreign Mis-

sionary and Education Societies were held, and a Home Missionary Society was formed under favorable auspices. The meetings of the General Synod were directed to be held triennially instead of biennially as hitherto, and the Synod adjourned to meet in the city of New York, on the Saturday succeeding the second Thursday in May, 1848.

In conclusion, and with reference to the whole proceedings, your committee offer for the adoption of this body, the following resolution :

XIII. *Resolved*, That we retain undiminished our attachment to the General Synod, and regard it as an important instrumentality for the welfare of our church, and a valuable bond of union amongst its several members—and that from the review of its proceedings, we derive cause for devout gratitude to Almighty God for his favors conferred upon us, and great encouragement to labor ardently and joyously in behalf of our beloved Zion, trusting to Him who hitherto hath helped us, and to whom Zion's prosperity is dear.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FEW SMITH,
T. MILLER,
J. A. SEISS,
WM. COFFMAN.

Report accepted, considered by items, and adopted.

On motion, Synod then adjourned.

Closed with prayer by br. Rude.

Sermon at night by br. Smith. Text, 1 Cor. ii. 5.

EXERCISES OF THE SABBATH.

At 9 o'clock a prayer meeting was held in the Lutheran church, attended by the members of Synod and the congregation generally. At 11 o'clock Rev. S. Wagner preached in the Lutheran church, and Rev. J. A. Seiss in the Presbyterian church, both to large and attentive congregations. At 3 o'clock the Lord's Supper was administered in the Lutheran church. A suitable discourse was delivered by Rev. C. C. Baughman. The communion service was then read by Rev. J. F. Campbell, pastor of the church, after which the clerical members of Synod and other ministers present, united together in commemorating the Saviour's death, breaking bread and drinking wine in remembrance that Christ died for them. The other members of Synod then joined in the communion, and afterwards the congregation generally, our brethren of sister churches uniting in the service. The services were solemn, the exercises appropriate, and the occasion, always dear to christian hearts, fed by faith on the bread of life that cometh down from heaven, and rendered impressive by the power of holy associations, seemed as if it never could be forgotten. And may it never be, but live to sanctify us more wholly unto God, enabling us to "feed the flock

of God, being ensamples to the same, that when the chief shepherd shall appear, we may receive a crown of glory"—and finally, having many seals to our ministry, be prepared to unite with the redeemed of Christ at the board in heaven,

At night the Rev. D. F. Bittle, of the Maryland Synod, preached in the Lutheran church, and, with a solemn appeal to impenitent sinners, closed the exercises of the day, which we trust God will own and bless to the good of many souls.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, *May* 11th, 9 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by the Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON THE TREASURY.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the said account correct—showing a balance of twenty-three dollars, four and a half cents in the Treasurer's hands.

J. F. CAMPBELL,
A. R. RUDE,
J. BARE.

Report accepted and adopted.

A communication was presented to Synod by br. Miller, which was received, and on motion referred to a special committee. Bros. Smith, Wagner, Shickle, Eichelberger, and Gruber, were appointed said committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

The committee on the minutes of last Synod, beg leave to report, that after a careful examination of said minutes, they find the following items claiming the attention of Synod.

1. *Page* 11. We find that the Trustees of the Staunton church are recommended to go on with said enterprise, and are promised the vigorous aid of Synod. Your committee would suggest the propriety of having laid before Synod all the information in the possession of members, concerning this subject.

2. *Page* 13. The following resolution deserves attention: "*Resolved*, That the committee on the constitution be continued the present year, and that their report be fully prepared by the next session of Synod." Your committee propose that said report be called for.

3. *Page* 23. The following resolution is recorded: "*Resolved*, That br. Wagner be appointed the Centenary agent, and that he be authorized to complete the centenary subscriptions in such of the churches in the bounds of Synod as heretofore have not been visited, and to collect and pay to the Treasurer the subscriptions heretofore received.

4. Page 18. A report is found concerning certain difficulties at the Brook church, caused by the unconstitutional interference of Rev. N. Schmucker with the affairs of said church. Your committee propose to inquire whether said difficulties have been settled.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. RUDE,
J. F. CAMPBELL,
T. MILLER.

The report was accepted and its items considered.

The 1st item in regard to the Staunton church, was considered, and the brethren requested to communicate to Synod any information in their possession, that might aid Synod in giving proper direction to its action on this subject.

Br. Baughman presented a statement, furnished by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, showing the cost of the ground procured for the church, the payments that had been made upon it, and the amount still due. From this it appeared that some \$400 or upwards, had been paid on the lot, derived mainly from collections made by br. Bittle, including some centenary subscriptions paid heretofore in br. Wagner's charge, \$45 collected by br. Wagner the past year, and \$50 contributed by br. Miller's charge in Madison. The balance still due remains to be provided for, and statements were made by br. Baughman, showing the practicability of securing it, provided the services of some suitable agent could be secured to carry on the enterprise.

Some additional particulars were also stated by br. Bittle, explaining more minutely what had been done during his connection with it, and showing that the enterprise might still succeed, if proper efforts could be made in its behalf, but that these efforts should be made at once, and that the longer they were delayed, the greater would be the difficulties in the way of success. He also stated, that although no longer a member of this Synod, he would still cheerfully render any aid in his power to carry on the work.

After some further remarks upon the subject by other brethren, it was

XIV. *Resolved*, That this subject be referred to a special committee, to report some suitable action for the adoption of Synod. Bros. Ludden, Eichelberger, and Wagner, were appointed said committee.

On motion, the further consideration of the report was suspended, the hour for adjourning having arrived. It was then

XV. *Resolved*, That the Education Society hold its meeting this evening at candle-light.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by br. Ludden.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Shickle.

The report of the committee, on the minutes of last Synod, was taken up and further considered.

The second item of the report was then adopted, and, on motion, made the order of the day for 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

In reference to the third item, br. Wagner explained to Synod what had been done by him as the Centenary agent during the year, and that, for satisfactory reasons, no efforts had been made by him beyond the limits of his own charge. What had been done in it was embraced in his report to Synod. It was then

XVI. *Resolved*, That this item be referred to the Centenary committee, to whom br. Wagner's report had been committed.

In regard to the fourth and last item, it was

XVII. *Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee having in hand the matters concerning the Brook church.

Report then was finally adopted.

COMMITTEE ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The committee to whom the subject of vacant congregations was referred, beg leave to report, That the churches at Mt. Sidney and Salem, and also Armentrout's heretofore under the care of br. Shickle, are now vacant. Your committee learn that arrangements are about being made by these churches for procuring a supply.

Mt. Jackson is also reported as vacant. Your committee respectfully recommend that br. Rude, the former pastor of the church at Mt. Jackson, be requested to supply it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WAGNER,
J. A. SEISS.

Report was accepted.

Br. Shickle explained why he had given up the above named churches, heretofore embraced in his charge, which was still too large, and that all of them, it was thought, would soon be supplied, under other and better arrangements.

Br. Rude said, that for satisfactory reasons, he felt justified in regarding Mt. Jackson as vacant, and so reported it, but that he would cheerfully continue to supply it.

The report was then, on motion, adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MR. OTT'S MEMORIAL.

The committee, to whom was referred a communication signed George Ott, relating to a report presented at the last meeting of Synod, and found on page 19 of its printed minutes, respectfully report: That Mr. Ott considers himself aggrieved, and his reputation for veracity impeached by said report, and desires the Synod to remove

all such charge. Your committee regret that the report should have been so misunderstood, and are fully satisfied, and freely and plainly state, that neither the committee who prepared, nor the Synod who adopted the report, intended by it to cast any such imputation on the character of Mr. Ott; nor can we admit that such imputation can be gathered, by a fair construction, from the language of the report. That expresses the opinion of Synod that Mr. Ott was mistaken in the complaints, to which reference was made, and that his mistake being pointed out, he was bound as a christian to correct any erroneous statements that, in consequence of such mistake, he might have made to the injury of br. Campbell.

The committee do not think it necessary to enter into a formal investigation of the charges alluded to in the original memorial which has given rise to this communication. They willingly accord to Mr. Ott purity of motives, and while they believe that he has misunderstood some remarks made on the floor of the Synod, they are constrained to express the hope that all its discussions will be conducted in such a manner—with such calmness and decorum, and with such a spirit of kindness and regard to the feelings of present and absent brethren, as shall furnish no occasion for misapprehension even to the most sensitive. Your committee, in conclusion, offer the following resolution for the adoption of Synod:

XVIII. *Resolved*, That this Synod has made no charge of falsehood or wilful misrepresentation against Mr. George Ott, and expresses its confidence in the honesty of his intentions in presenting the memorial at the Synod in Shepherdstown, and regrets that, by any misapprehension, the feelings of Mr. Ott have been wounded.

J. FEW SMITH,
S. WAGNER,
P. SHICKLE,
J. GRUBER.

The report was unanimously accepted and adopted.

SECOND COMMITTEE.

In regard to the Brook Union Church.

Committee No. 2. to whom were referred several memorials, one from Rev. N. Schmucker, one from Rev. J. F. Campbell, and two from the officers of the German Reformed congregation worshipping in the Brook Union church, beg leave to report:

That these memorials contain sundry complaints, some against the Synod, and others against individual members of Synod, which claim your attention.

1. *Against the Synod.*—The Rev. N. Schmucker, a member of this body, complains, first, of the representation by the President of Synod in his report for 1845, of the condition of our churches around Woodstock. He appears to have construed the language of the President into an impeachment of his, (the Rev. Schmucker's) orthodoxy and ministerial character, and asks that said language be recalled by the Synod. Your committee have had the language alluded to under careful consideration, and express it as their entire conviction, that such imputations upon br. N. Schmucker cannot be legitimately gathered from it. We have moreover had the assurance of the President, that no such imputations were intended by him, but that he designed to have reference to the importance of suitable arrangements for supplying English preaching in the region referred to, and to which it was his wish to call the attention of Synod. From a careful review, however, of the facts in the case, your committee feel constrained to unite with the President in regretting the destitution of the English and rising population of our churches in question.

The second complaint of the Rev. N. Schmucker, alleged against the Synod, relates to the action had at its session in Shepherdstown, in reference to some irregular interference on his part, in the affairs of the Brook Union church, which action, embodied in its resolutions on that subject, he asks the Synod to recall. Your committee have reviewed all the facts in the case, and endeavored to obtain all additional information at their command respecting it, but have learned nothing to warrant any modification of the resolutions complained of.

2. *Against members of Synod.*—Mr. Andrew Bushong and others, officers of the German Reformed congregation of the Brook Union church, complain that the Rev. J. F. Campbell and Rev. N. Schmucker, both members of this body, have jointly violated certain articles of agreement entered into at the erection of said church, by occupying, between them, more than half the time. The Rev. J. F. Campbell, in his memorial, represents that this complaint is correct on the part of said German Reformed congregation, and further represents that the violation of said articles of agreement is caused by the monthly appointments, in said church, of the Rev. N. Schmucker, which appointments are made without the consent or desire of the council or members of the Brook Union Lutheran congregation.

Your committee have examined the several statements of your memorialists, and, as far as practicable, have collected all the facts in regard thereto. They have ascertained 1st, That said Lutheran congregation was organized by the Rev. J. B. Davis, and was served by him as its regular pastor. 2dly, That immediately after his resignation, he was succeeded by the Rev. J. F. Campbell who has served them up to the present time, in accordance with the wishes of the council and members of said Lutheran congregation, in due form expressed. And 3dly, That the Rev. N. Schmucker has never been called, by the council or members of said Lutheran church, to serve them as their pastor.

In view, therefore, of the foregoing, and the facts severally, as ascertained by your committee, we would respectfully recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

XIX. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with pleasure that arrangements are about being made by the church at Woodstock to provide English preaching for the benefit of the English population of our church in that quarter, and hopes that said arrangements may be successful and be adopted as speedily as practicable.

XX. *Resolved*, That Synod cannot rescind or modify its resolutions, adopted at its last session, in reference to the irregular interference of the Rev. N. Schmucker in the affairs of the Brook Union congregation.

XXI. *Resolved*, That Synod views with regret and disapprobation the continued irregular and unconstitutional course of br. Schmucker in the affairs of said Brook Union congregation, and hereby directs that the above referred to appointments of said brother be discontinued.

XXII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to the Rev. N. Schmucker, and to the council of said Brook Union congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SEISS,
J. FEW SMITH,
L. EICHELBERGER,
J. J. SUMAN,
S. BAUMGARNER.

On motion, the report was accepted.

Its items were then separately considered, and after some remarks, in explanation of and in support of the conclusions presented by the committee, they were unanimously adopted.

Synod then adjourned. Prayer by br. Ludden.

At night the Education Society held its meeting. Addresses were delivered by bros. Seiss and Rude, and a collection taken up in aid of its funds. (See appendix C.)

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Rude.

On motion, the report of the committee for revising the constitution, being the order of the day for 9 o'clock this morning, was suspended, to allow an opportunity to br. Bittle to make some further statements in regard to the origin and history of the enterprise for establishing a church at Staunton. The brother explained the progress that had been made by the Trustees in the work, and suggested that they would be best able to form a correct opinion as to the practicability of success in carrying it on, and advised that their views be consulted in regard to its prosecution.

COMMITTEE FOR REVISING THE CONSTITUTION.

The committee appointed for the purpose of revising the constitution of Synod, beg leave respectfully to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and herewith present the copy of the constitution they had prepared. Your committee would remark that the copy they presented was, in the main, a transcript of the old constitution, embodying in it such amendments only as were deemed essential, and in no instance, they believed, had any departure been made from the spirit of the former. The By-Laws would be found to embrace the substance of the various standing resolutions, from time to time, adopted by Synod, which your committee had carefully examined and adopted, as far as they seemed now applicable to the action of Synod and the interests of the church—All of which they respectfully submit for the approval of Synod.

J. B. DAVIS,
L. EICHELBERGER,
J. FEW SMITH,
J. A. SEISS.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted, and directed to be read and adopted by sections.

It was then read chapter by chapter, and separately considered and adopted.

The chapters and sections having been all read and considered, the whole was then unanimously adopted.

The By-Laws were then considered and adopted—the whole thereby being made the *Constitution of Synod*, from this, the date of its adoption.

The following resolutions were then adopted :

XXIII. *Resolved*, That all resolutions standing upon our minutes, which may conflict with the foregoing constitution, be hereby rescinded.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the constitution and by-laws of Synod, be published in small duodecimo form, with substantial binding, and at a cost not exceeding ten cents per copy.

XXV. *Resolved*, That the committee on the constitution superintend its publication, as provided for in the foregoing resolution.

Synod then adjourned. Prayer by the President.

At 11 o'clock the congregation again assembled, and were addressed by br. Summers from Isa. xxxv. 8.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Campbell.

On motion, Synod suspended its session, to allow time for holding a session of the Education Society. It then resumed its proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL DISTRICTS.

The committee to whom was referred the derangements in the pastoral districts in Augusta county, respectfully report :—That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and are unable to advise any specific arrangements in regard to the boundaries of said districts. This difficulty arises from the fact that a ministerial brother had previously been invited to take charge of some of the congregations from whom no definite answer has yet been received. Your committee recommend that they be continued with power to make some definite arrangement on this subject, and report the result to the President of Synod as soon as made.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BAUGHMAN,
P. SHICKLE,
S. WAGNER,
A. P. LUDDEN.

Report accepted and adopted.

FIFTH COMMITTEE.

Committee No. 5 respectfully report as follows, on the papers referred to them :

No. 1 consists of two parts. The first is a letter from Rev. G. Scherer, of the South Western Synod of Virginia, stating his appointment as a delegate to this body, and his inability to attend our meeting, because by some misunderstanding the meetings of the two Synods have been appointed within a week of each other. He asks to be excused, and your committee suggest that his excuse be accepted.

Part 2d is a communication from a committee appointed by the South Western Synod to confer with this Synod relative to the establishment of a Lutheran Mission in Richmond.

Your committee are informed that Mr. Shepperson, a licentiate of this Synod, has recently gone to Richmond for the purpose of gathering together the English Lutherans in that city, and making an effort to build up an organized church. We deem the enterprise worthy of our earnest attention and efforts. There appears to be a wide and inviting field in Richmond, and it becomes us to enter in and possess it.—At present, however, your committee can only suggest that the President, either by personal examination or correspondence, be requested to obtain correct information with respect to the state of our church in that city, and to adopt measures for the regular preaching of the word of God by some minister in connection with this body, and your committee incline to think that the station would be found able to sustain itself and its minister. We deem it important, however, that something should be done to supply the wants of our brethren there, and respectfully offer the following resolutions:

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the President of this body be requested to take immediately, such steps as in his judgment may be best adapted to secure the interests of our church at Richmond.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That our action on this subject be communicated, by the Secretary, to the committee of correspondence, appointed by the South Western Synod, with the expression of our fraternal regard.

Paper No. 2 is the annual catalogue of the officers and students of Pennsylvania College for 1845—from which we learn that the whole number of students for the year was 148, of whom 62 belonged to the regular college classes, the remainder being engaged in a partial course or in the Preparatory Department. Your committee are happy to learn that this Institution is highly prosperous. Several valuable improvements have recently been made in the college grounds, the cabinet of the Linnæan Society is rapidly increasing, and a handsome building for the reception of the cabinet, and for the accommodation of the Preparatory Department, is to be erected during the ensuing summer, all of which is due, in a great measure, to the zeal and energy of the students. We earnestly commend this valuable Institution to the affection and patronage of our churches, and would not fail to add that the moral condition of the students, and the watchful and affectionate care of the officers, present a strong inducement to parents and guardians to educate young men at this Institution.

J. FEW SMITH,
J. F. CAMPBELL,
J. GRUBER.

The report, on motion, was accepted, and after some remarks relative to the field at Richmond, and our correspondence with the committee of the South Western Synod in regard to it, was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CENTENARY FUND.

The committee to whom were referred certain papers relative to the subscriptions due the Centenary fund, respectfully report:—That the information they have been able to obtain, is too limited to allow them to present to the Synod a clear and satisfactory account of the state of the Centenary effort. It is much to be regretted that

this business remains so unsettled and confused, and your committee hardly know by what means to arrive at a clear understanding of it. A large amount of subscriptions remain yet unsettled. Of the amount collected, as correctly as we can ascertain, \$161 have been expended in part payment of the appropriation of \$1,000 made for the building of the church at Staunton. It is thought that this appropriation should not have been used for the purchase of the ground whereon to build, but set apart to aid in the erection of the building. The conclusions to which your committee, after deliberation, have arrived, are embodied in the following resolutions, which are suggested for the adoption of Synod :

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That the pastors of charges, in which subscriptions have been made to the Centenary fund, be earnestly requested to have collected the amount still due on said subscriptions; and that those, in whose charges no subscriptions have been taken up, be also required to collect such amount as they can for this object.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That said pastors be requested to send the results of their efforts, the subscription lists, and all the information in their possession relative thereto, together with all amounts collected by them to Mr. Thos. B. Campbell, Treasurer of the Centenary fund, at Winchester, at least as early as the 1st of May, 1847.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FEW SMITH,
S. WAGNER,
J. B. DAVIS,
J. A. SEISS,
E. HOFFMAN.

The report was accepted.

It was then stated that some, if not all of these subscriptions, were already in the hands of responsible individuals, residing in the charges referred to, to whom payment had been requested by the Treasurer, and it was highly important that the pastors in such charges, should urge upon said individuals the collection of their respective subscriptions, and also urge upon the subscribers the payment of the same, as proposed in the resolutions of the committee. The plan proposed, it was urged, was simple and practicable, and it was hoped would be attended to.

The report was then adopted.

COMMITTEE ON THE STAUNTON CHURCH.

The committee to whom this subject was referred, with instructions to recommend some suitable action for the consideration of Synod, respectfully report :—That they have had the subject under consideration, and have sought to avail themselves of all the information and views communicated to Synod in regard to it. Your committee believe that, in many respects, the enterprise still claims to be regarded as important, and although delay and difficulties have thus far hindered its prosecution, they do not regard its success, if determined to carry it on, as altogether impracticable. The lot of ground, secured for the building, your committee learn, is regarded as the most eligible in Staunton and highly valuable, and that its payment may ultimately be provided for. Some deficiency in the means for this purpose, need not necessarily hinder the carrying out of the enterprise, provided it is seen that the amount could final-

ly be secured. It would be better, however, to have it provided for, and the debt for the ground paid before the erection of the building, or mainly so. It is thought that in Staunton, and in the churches in Augusta county, together with the Synod's appropriation, and such additional means as, it is believed, might be raised elsewhere, the erection of the building could be provided for on a scale sufficiently large to answer present purposes, and that if hereafter required, it would be easy to enlarge it.

But, your committee believe, that if even practicable to provide for the building, equal regard should be had to success in raising a congregation, such as would justify the effort, and that both these considerations should be regarded as essential to the prosecution of the enterprise. It is thought that the friends of our church in Augusta, and especially the Trustees themselves, would be best able to form a correct opinion in regard to this particular, and that the best course for Synod to adopt would be that which would give us the counsel and experience of those best advised upon the subject. Your committee, agreeing in this opinion, propose therefore as most expedient, the course indicated in the following resolution, which they submit for the adoption of Synod.

XXX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, on the part of Synod, to meet and confer with the Board of Trustees at Staunton, and that they advise such action in regard to the subject, as in view of the information received, they shall deem it most expedient to pursue.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. LUDDEN,
L. EICHELBERGER,
S. WAGNER.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

Revs. Eichelberger, Wagner and Ludden were then appointed the committee, to act under the instructions of the foregoing resolution.

The following resolution was also adopted :

XXXI. *Resolved*, That out of the Centenary subscriptions heretofore taken up, or yet to be raised, the Centenary Treasurer pay to the order of the Board of Trustees of the Staunton church, the appropriation of \$1,000,—made by Synod at its session in 1844, (page 28) to aid in the building of a church at Staunton, and that the said appropriation of \$1,000,—or so much thereof as shall remain due the said Board from said Centenary fund, be payable by the Treasurer to the order of said Board of Trustees, whenever satisfactory evidence is furnished that said church is in progress of erection.

On motion, it was

XXXII. *Resolved*, That bros. Allenbaugh and Baker, not having written to Synod, or furnished their parochial reports as required by the constitution, be not excused for their absence from Synod.

At the request of br. Rude, it was

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That the amount still due by Synod to the Rev. A. R. Rude, of its appropriation of \$100—granted at its session in 1844, to be paid out of the Centenary fund, be hereby transferred to the Rev. J. Summers.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the minutes of Synod be printed under the direction of the Secretary, and the usual number be distributed to sister Synods.

ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

The following paper on Christian Union, and in reference to the convention of christian ministers, appointed to meet in London, in August next, was read and adopted :

WHEREAS we regard all believers in Jesus Christ as constituting one body of which he is the head, and mourn that there should be so much of separation between those who have one Lord, one faith and one hope; and believe that the true spirit of christianity is a spirit of love, and is opposed to bigotry, exclusiveness and self-sufficiency; and whereas we ardently desire to cultivate such a spirit in ourselves, and to see it prevail among all who call Jesus, Master,—and therefore view with great interest and thankfulness every indication of its presence and power in the church—and whereas we believe that the promotion of the true interests of religion, the extension of Christ's kingdom, and the salvation of perishing men, demand more visible harmony of action, and co operation on the part of the various denominations embraced in the christian church, and that these denominations, however united in spirit, have not hitherto presented a sufficient and becoming visible unity—and that we have all reason to humble ourselves before Almighty God, and lament all occasion of reproach against the church, which by conduct, writing, and preaching we may have afforded to the world, in the exhibition of sectarian or party spirit, or uncharitable controversy with each other—Therefore

XXXV. *Resolved*, That we regard, with heartfelt interest, the success which has crowned the meetings of christians in Great Britain, preliminary to a great general union convention, and are deeply thankful to Almighty God for the cheering fact that so many as nineteen different denominations were enabled to act with such entire harmony in adjusting their terms of agreement.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the holding of a General Convention for the purpose of bringing together christian brethren, representing the various portions of the church and from various parts of the world—and that we look forward to the proposed convention, to be held in London in August next, with high hope that its results will be most propitious. We regard it not as the offspring of fanaticism, but of christian love and wisdom—and that its aim is not to do away with all sects by the organization of one great new sect which shall embrace them all, but the removal of all unchristian sectarian feeling, by the increased activity of brotherly love, by the burnishing of the silver bond which now unites believers, but which is too often dimmed by the mists of prejudice and ignorance of each other, and the promotion of more external and visible harmony of action,—and in such expressions of views, and such brotherly communion, we behold one of the chief means of bringing about that which we all desire—the supreme and all subordinating influence of Christ's kingdom.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That we learn with satisfaction that our honored and beloved brethren, Rev. Drs. Kurtz, Morris, and Schmucker, who have recently embarked for Europe, intend to be present at said convention, as representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States, and that we willingly confide in them as worthy of so important a trust.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That as individuals and as a Synod, we will endeavor more earnestly to promote a spirit of christian unity, and to discountenance bigotry and sectarianism—and that our fervent prayers shall ascend to the Giver of all good, that he will crown with his blessing the deliberations of the proposed convention, that his spirit may rule in every heart, and that the result may be the increase of his glory, and the increased holiness and power of the church, and that thus much may be done for the bringing in of the happy day, when all his people shall see eye to eye, and Zion shall be the joy of the whole earth.

NEXT SESSION OF SYNOD.

The time and place for holding the next session of Synod were now fixed upon.

Churchville and Newtown were both proposed.

The election resulted in favor of Churchville, and the time fixed upon was Thursday evening before the second Sabbath in May, 1847. It was therefore

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That when Synod adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Churchville, on the Thursday evening before the second Sabbath in May, 1847.

DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS.

XL. *Resolved*, That Synod now proceed to the election of delegates to attend the next sessions of the Synods of Maryland and S. Western Virginia.

Br. Seiss was elected to the Maryland Synod.

Br. Wagner to the S. Western Synod of Virginia.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Made the following report :

WHEREAS, in the bounds of this Synod, there is a large number of youth, who ought to be engaged in a course of liberal education, and whereas an institution has been established under the direction of Synod, in Augusta county, which for literary advantages, attention to the moral character of the students, religious privileges and moderate expenditure, is not surpassed by any similar institution elsewhere ; therefore

XLI. *Resolved*, That we learn with pleasure that the prospects of said institution are still encouraging and prosperous.

XLII. *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend it to the affection and patronage of our people and the community generally, as deserving of their attention and support.

XLIII. *Resolved*, That the attention of young men, in the bounds of Synod, looking forward to the gospel ministry, be invited to said institution, as presenting peculiar advantages in their preparatory course of study.

XLIV. *Resolved*, That the subject of female education is deserving of increased regard, and that the attention of our people, on this subject, be directed to such institutions among us as will properly merit their confidence and support.

A. R. RUDE, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

XLV. *Resolved*, That no conference meeting be appointed for the ensuing year.

XLVI. *Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod are due, and are hereby tendered, to the people of Strasburg and neighborhood, for their kindness and hospitality during our sojourn among them, and that this Resolution be read by the President at the close of public service this evening.

XLVII. *Resolved*, That Centenary Treasurer pay to J. Hern, the order of Rev. J. B. Davis for \$10, on account of balance of \$69 75, due for services as Centenary agent.

Synod then adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock this evening.—Prayer by br. Baughman.

TUESDAY EVENING, 9 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Campbell.

The President inquired whether any thing more remained to claim the attention of Synod.

The report of the committee on education remained to be acted on, which was then considered and adopted. (See report.) After which it was

XLVIII. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn to meet in Churchville, Augusta county, on the Thursday evening before the second Sabbath in May, 1847.

L. EICHELBERGER, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *May* 8th, 5 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by the President.

Notice was given that it was now in order to take up any business intended to have the attention of Ministerium. It was then

I. *Resolved*, That Ministerium proceed to consider applications for licensure and ordination.

II. *Resolved*, That the officers of Ministerium be a committee to hold a colloquium with Mr. J. L. Blackmore, in regard to application for licensure, made in his behalf.

On motion, Ministerium then adjourned. Prayer by br. Winter.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Wagner.

The committee appointed to have a colloquium with Mr. Blackmore, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and communicated to the Ministerium, the result of the same.

It was then

III. *Resolved*, That bros. Eichelberger and Miller advise with Mr. Blackmore, and inform him of the views of the Ministerium in regard to his application.

IV. *Resolved*, That Ministerium will meet for the examination of candidates, on Monday at 11 o'clock.

Ministerium then adjourned.

Closed with prayer by br. Shepperson.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 11 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Bittle.

The committee appointed to advise with br. Blackmore, stated that they had done so, and more fully and freely than the committee had an opportunity to do in their former colloquium. They stated however, that the brother, in consequence of indisposition in his family, had been compelled to return home, which your committee approved of, knowing the circumstances of the case, and informed him that his application, notwithstanding, would have such attention as Ministerium would deem proper.

It was then

V. *Resolved*, That Ministerium now proceed with the examination of bros. Ludden, Filler and Richards.

VI. *Resolved*, That the *Secretary*, with bros. Smith, Wagner and Baughman be the committee to conduct the examination, and that they proceed according to the order of subjects presented in the constitution.

The examination was so conducted and continued until 1 o'clock, when Ministerium adjourned to meet again at 5 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by br. Baughman.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Shickle.

The examination of the candidates was continued until half past six o'clock, when

On motion, Ministerium adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Prayer by br. Suman.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 7 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Rude.

The examination was continued some time, when it was

VII. *Resolved*, That the examination be closed.

The candidates were then permitted to withdraw, and after proper deliberation, the following resolutions were adopted :

VIII. *Resolved*, That, in the case of each candidate the examination be sustained, and that bros. Ludden and Filler be ordained to-night.

IX. *Resolved*, That br. Richards be received, in connection with this body, the ensuing year on probation.

Adjourned to meet again at 11 o'clock.

Prayer by the President.

TUESDAY, 11 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Shepperson.

X. *Resolved*, That the license of br. Summers be renewed for the ensuing year.

XI. *Resolved*, That the license of br. C. M. Shepperson be renewed for the ensuing year.

XII. *Resolved*, That Ministerium regrets the non-attendance of br. Shepperson at its present session, and expects that at its next meeting he will be present.

Ministerium then adjourned. Prayer by br. Smith.

TUESDAY, 5 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by br. Richards.

Br. Anderson, a student at the Virginia Institute, was examined with a view to his receiving aid from the funds of the Education Society, and putting himself under the care of this body. His examination being closed, it was

XIII. *Resolved*, That the examination of br. Anderson be sustained as satisfactory, and that he be recommended accordingly to the patronage of the Education Society.

Ministerium then adjourned. Prayer by the Secretary.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

At night, in obedience to a Resolution of the Ministerium, bros. Ludden and Filler were ordained. The ordination sermon was preached by the Secretary, from 2 Tim. iv. 5. The questions were then propounded by the President, after which the candidates, kneeling down,

were solemnly ordained and set apart to the work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The right hand of fellowship was then given to the candidates, and the closing prayer made by br. Smith. The exercises throughout were solemn and impressive, the candidates seemed to feel the weight of the responsibilities they had assumed, and from their brethren in the ministry, and the attentive congregation that crowded the sanctuary, many prayers ascended that they might prove faithful unto death. So may it be. Amen.

The foregoing certified to be a true copy of the proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia, convened at Strasburg, May, 1846, by

L. EICHELBERGER, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

STRASBURG, *May* 11th, 1846.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Society met this evening. After addresses to a large audience by Bros. Seiss and Rude, the President took the chair, and called the Society to order. The minutes of last meeting having been partly read, their further reading was postponed ; and the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Society sanction the appropriation of twenty-five dollars made to the Rev. D. F. Bittle during the past year.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *May* 12th, 3 P. M.

The Society met.—The President in the chair.

The Proceedings of the last meeting read.

The Treasurer's report was presented, accepted, and referred to a committee to audit. Bros. Wagner and Baumgarner compose said committee.

The following payments were then made on the pledges of the past year.

FROM THE CHURCHES.

REV. MILLER'S charge,	-	-	-	\$10 00
“ EICHELBERGER'S	-	-	-	2 50 in part.
“ WAGNER'S	-	-	-	3 00 “
“ LUDDEN'S	-	-	-	10 00
“ SEISS'S	-	-	-	17 00 balance excused.
“ SMITH'S	-	-	-	32 00
“ SUMAN'S	-	-	-	6 53 balance excused.
“ CAMPBELL'S	-	-	-	10 00
“ SUMMERS'	-	-	-	5 00 balance excused.
Amount from charges	-	-	-	<u>\$96 03</u>

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

REV. DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
" SHICKEL	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" RUDE	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" LUDDEN	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" SUMAN	(excused)					
" CAMPBELL	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" EICHELBERGER	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" MILLER	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
MR. SHUEY	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" BOWERS	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" KOHLHOUSEN	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" HURN	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
						\$60 00
Amount of contributions from charges	-	-	-	-	-	\$96 03
" " " " individuals	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
						\$156 03

The auditing Committee reported as follows :

The committee to whom the Treasurer's account was referred, report that they have examined the same and find it correct—leaving a Balance of \$23 38½ in the hands of the Treasurer subject to the order of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WAGNER,
S. BAUMGARNER.

The available funds of the Society are as follows :

Balance in Treasury	-	-	-	-	\$23 38
Sum received from Shepherdstown	-	-	-	-	2 25
" collected in church on Monday night	-	-	-	-	5 38
" paid on pledges	-	-	-	-	156 03
					\$187 04
To this add paid by Mr. Gruber in advance	-	-	-	-	5 00
					\$192 04

The time for the election of officers having arrived, it was
Resolved, That the present officers be continued in office.

They are :

REV. L. EICHELBERGER, President.
" J. FEW SMITH, Secretary.
MR. ISAAC HURN, Treasurer.

Pledges for the ensuing year were now called for, and the following sums were pledged ; it being understood that each individual should be responsible for the amount pledged by him, while he would endeavor to raise as much more as possible from his charge.

REV. MILLER	-	-	-	\$15
" EICHELBERGER	-	-	-	5
" DAVIS	-	-	-	5
" SHICKEL	-	-	-	5
" BAUGHMAN	-	-	-	5
" SEISS	-	-	-	5
" SMITH	-	-	-	10
" CAMPBELL	-	-	-	5
" FILLER	-	-	-	5
" LUDDEN	-	-	-	5
" RICHARDS	-	-	-	5
MR. WELLS	-	-	-	5
				—
				\$75
" GRUBER	paid	-	-	5
				—
				\$80

The application of Mr. G. W. Anderson having been submitted to the Society, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Anderson be examined by the Ministerium, and if his examination be sustained, he receive from this Society the sum of forty dollars for the current year.

(Mr. Anderson was examined, and an order given him on the Treasurer for \$40, to be paid upon his executing a bond according to the constitution.)

Mr. G. Scherer having applied for aid, it was

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be loaned to Mr. Scherer, on his executing a bond for the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to loan to the Parent Education Society the sum of one hundred dollars.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

J. FEW SMITH, Jr.,
Secretary.

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P R E S I D E N T ' S A D D R E S S .

DEAR BRETHREN:

No circumstances more pressingly claim from us unfeigned gratitude and praise, than those which surround us now. Our association in our present interesting capacity, tells of the goodness of God; of his gracious superintendence and preserving care over us amid the danger, toils, difficulties and cares of another year.

In our review of the past Synodical year, though unmarked by any extraordinary occurrence affecting the interests and prospects of that portion of the church under our supervision; we cannot fail to recognize the gracious doings of the divine hand. Whilst there is everything in our view of the divine Providence over us to excite our gratitude as a church, candor requires that we acknowledge that evidences of our own remissness are every where seen. Little has been done to supply our destitute places, and carry forward the various enterprises which have engaged the attention of Synod. It is due, however, to the ministers of this Synod to state that peculiar and formidable obstacles still exist, to embarrass their efforts and defeat their aims.

With the destitutions of the church within the bounds of this Synod you are all well acquainted, as well as the fact that all our plans and devices for a regular and adequate supply have failed; and whether we can claim with confidence, any continued action of Synod on this subject, is a question unsettled in our own mind. Certain it is, that some plan for the regular and constant supply of all our churches with the means of grace, has long engaged the prayers and efforts of this body, but that all has been, that can be done, is by no means certain. The object had in view by all our efforts on this point is one in itself vastly important; but when viewed in its bearings upon the extension of our church beyond its present limits in Virginia, it is doubly so; east and west of our present territorial limits, new fields present themselves and call loudly for laborers, nothing however can be done until we are supplied within our present bounds, unless it be by some liberal and efficient plan covering the ground of want both in and around the district. Could not a domestic missionary association be established by us, that would be relieved from the evils which have rendered unavailable all our previous plans of supply?

Recently I received a letter from the chairman of a committee of correspondence with our Synod, appointed by the South Western Synod of Virginia, to confer with us in regard to the wants of our church in Richmond. From that letter and other authentic sources, it will be seen that a very interesting and inviting field is there open for a Lutheran minister who could preach in the English language. The letter of the S. W. Synod's committee, in connexion with one from Rev. C. M. Shepperson, whom I licensed last summer, both directly referring to our church in Richmond, I

will lay before you, claiming for their contents such action as your united wisdom may deem proper.

In the past year I licensed two men, the Rev. C. M. Shepperson, who has already been mentioned, and the Rev. John Richards, and directed both of them to destitute portions of our Synodical district. The latter gentleman was an ordained minister of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, whose testimonials and recommendations were of such character as fully to sustain his application. This brother has been laboring since February last, notwithstanding his weighty domestic afflictions, in the Wardensville charge, with encouraging efficiency and success.

During the session of Synod last May in Shepherdstown, my attention was called to the charge then under the care of Rev. Mr. Seiss, embracing the churches in and around Martinsburg and Shepherdstown. I soon made up my mind that that district was too large, or embraced a field of too much labor for any one man; in this opinion I soon learned that the pastor and many of the people agreed with me. Sometime in July last, I visited that charge, and after some consultation with brother Seiss and the respective councils of the churches, it was determined to adopt measures for an amicable division into two pastoral districts, and with the utmost harmony and good feeling, the enterprise has been borne to a successful issue. Brother Seiss retains the church at Shepherdstown, and has assured me of his entire satisfaction in regard to the charge, and is willing no doubt to report to Synod favorably on that subject. Brother Winter of the Maryland Synod, has been called to serve the church at Martinsburg. I have had no correspondence with that gentleman, who I trust has likewise a comfortable charge. In regard to this matter, I feel that I acted with a view to the interests of our church in that region as well as the comfort and success of the brethren laboring there, and whilst I am assured of the satisfaction of the good brother laboring at Shepherdstown, I confidently expect a correspondence of views and opinions with the brethren composing the Synod. Since our last meeting some changes have occurred in the pastoral relationships of this district. Brother Suman has been called to Gerardstown, to serve the church formerly under the care of brother Baker. Last fall brother Eichelberger resigned his churches in Frederick county, one of which is now served by brother Smith, and the other by myself. Brother Shepperson resigned his charge at Wardensville, and removed to the western part of State, and has been succeeded by brother Richards; and the church vacated more than a year ago at Jening's Branch, Augusta county, by the removal of brother Bittle has since been served by brother Shickel. Last year I urged upon the attention of Synod the pastoral districts in Augusta county. I was of the opinion then and am still, that the interests of our church in that county require the settlement of another minister there. I am fully persuaded that labor and support might be found for an additional man in that region, without injuriously affecting the interests of any already laboring there. This subject certainly deserves to be inquired into by Synod.

I have not during the year been favored with any formal report in reference to the condition and prospects of our Institute. The Rev. Mr. Baughman is present and is doubtless prepared to report fully and satisfactorily in regard to the matter.

I would here renew the appeal of last session in behalf of that Institution. The cause of education is surely entitled to a high place in the transactions of ecclesiastical bodies.

I would again suggest the propriety and importance of some provisions for the establishment of a Female Seminary within the bounds of the Synod. None of us are

ignorant of the influence for good exerted upon the church by well cultivated female intellect. I know that it will require time, especially in this district, to exhibit any marked and striking good effects of such institution, but this does not in the least diminish the weight of obligation devolving upon us to give the subject immediate practical attention. It is not only the generation in which we live, whose present and eternal interests will be affected by our labors; but when we are at rest "where the wicked trouble not," our plans and efforts will still exert a measure of influence for weal or for woe. The subject is now before us, its importance and necessity is seen and felt by us all, and if we neglect it we will do it not only at the peril of much good in the present generation, but at the peril of souls who will live when we have ceased to be. But if we give the subject all that attention which the circumstances in which we are placed will admit of, in the disclosures of a final judgment, the rewards of our toils and difficulties will be seen and felt. Much of that hallowed influence which is, and has been awaking into being the life and power of godliness in heathen lands, was first exerted by well trained, sanctified female minds in generations gone by; and who does not see that they will never lose their power. Brethren, by our trammelled, feeble efforts on this subject, we may bring into existence an instrumentality whose plastic power will mould the character, and control the destiny of thousands yet unborn. I would suggest nothing in regard to a plan, but leave it entirely to yourselves. But that we should do something is entirely clear to my own mind.

Whilst on the subject of education, I am reminded of the necessity of literary qualification in the ministry, and would direct attention to that subject. The importance of education is generally admitted. Few indeed will deny that if literary acquirements are important to any class of men, they are to ministers of the gospel. Notwithstanding this universal impression in favor of education in the ministry, its favorable bearings upon their success and usefulness; the church in its practices on this subject, does not by any means exhibit a fixed impression of its importance. It is known to many of you, that for years I have been in favor of requiring of every applicant for licensure in the Synod, a thorough course of literary training. In this I have been opposed by those for whose opinion I have the highest respect, and to whose judgment in the matter I yet freely yield. I am not satisfied, however, with our standard of practice, indeed I feel that we have no regular standard in regard to the literary qualifications of applicants. Whilst we have a fixed rule to govern us in regard to the theological attainments of applicants; if it be necessary, as we admit it is, in order to success in teaching the great truths of religion and saving souls, to possess any given grade of learning; why not determine something definite on that point and spread it upon the page of our Constitution? By this means we would be saved from many painful difficulties, which constantly occur in our present mode of practice.

With a view to sustain the various enterprises of the church in which pecuniary aid is required, a portion of our people have been called upon whilst others have not yet been favored with an opportunity to do what, it is fair to suppose, they would cheerfully do. It is certainly due to those who have contributed liberally to forward the benevolent schemes of the church, to those who are the objects of our benevolent efforts, as well as those who have not been called upon for aid; to adopt some measure to secure the contributions of the whole church under our care. We are associated on the same ground, and every measure whether benevolent or otherwise, concerns one portion of the Synod as well as another; we are bound to assist each other

in bearing each other's burdens. Cannot Synod devise and recommend some plan that will be at once free from heavy pecuniary expense, and successful in bearing the claims of our benevolent objects to all our members?

In the published proceedings of the last meeting of the General Synod we find a series of resolutions which we think deserved some attention from us. Those resolutions are found on page 30 of the printed minutes of the late session of the General Synod, and relate to a correspondence between the General Assembly (N. S.) of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hail this movement on the part of the two churches with feelings of unmingled pleasure, and most heartily do we wish it would be taken up, and responded to in terms of the greatest satisfaction by all the Presbyteries and Synods in the land. Two bodies so identified in their essential doctrines, their mode of government, and church practices, have nothing to lose but all to gain in such a measure as this. Little however will ever be done on this subject, if it be not taken up by the bodies composing these general associations, hence the importance of district synodical action. In this connexion we would recommend the principle of union among the churches upon a broader basis and a more comprehensive plan. In regard to the great fundamental truths of our holy religion, the body of the Protestant church is pretty much agreed, and in every department of this vast whole the great aim is to cover the earth with those fundamental principles of the protestant faith in reference to which they all agree. In this vast body where every member has its own peculiar place, form, and name, which is certainly all just as it should be, and as we hope it ever will be; collisions are liable to occur, and the members of Christ's body, instead of employing their united strength against the common foe of godliness, waste it in fruitless contests with each other.

Now it is proposed to adopt some comprehensive plan, some plan embracing, and bearing upon the whole protestant family, by which all will retain their own distinctive peculiarities; and yet contribute their united strength in establishing and sustaining the great principles of the christian faith all over the face of the earth; and in opposing error and Anti-Christ wherever found. To hush the jarring clamor of excited partizans, to avoid the bickerings, and heal the heart-burnings of denominational bigotry, and to drive from the face of the earth the monster which disturbs the order and harmony of the church; as well as to devise ways and means for the most successful preservation of peace, and harmony, in every department of the protestant church, is the object of the Evangelical Alliance to be held in London in August next. Some notice we think should be taken of this movement by this Synod. We are Lutheran, and if we deserve the name there is nothing elementary in our composition which has not a strong affinity for the great principle of union. With you I leave with great confidence this subject.

It will be proper here to ask from you a favorable notice of the publications of the American Tract Society. These, whilst they would facilitate the work of christian union so much desired by all liberal minded men, are filled with safe and wholesome instruction, and substantial spiritual food, which fits them at once to be introduced into all the families under our care.

If the publications of this institution could have secured to them a free circulation, and be universally read, they would do more to discredit and destroy the influence of that flood of licentious trash which is annually passing through the press under the endorsement of literature, than any other instrumentality. The standard works of the Society should be in every christian family, and the American Messen-

ger, on account of its truly catholic spirit, deserves to speak monthly to every soul in Christendom.

In order to the preservation of peace among brethren in the ministry, and to prevent wasting and unpleasant divisions in congregations, it is provided in our constitution that no minister, unsolicited by the pastor, shall perform ministerial acts, or interfere in any way with congregations under the care of another. This provision is sometimes overlooked by brethren, and the object contemplated in it entirely lost sight of in their practice on this point; what motives influence men to these unsafe and unconstitutional steps, we do not pretend to say, and exceedingly would we regret to charge upon them any ill design; but certain it is they are wrong and calculated to do much mischief.

As this evil in the practice of ministers has sometimes occurred in this Synod, I would beg that some definite action be had on that subject. We should be particularly careful that the provisions of the constitution be strictly kept to by all our members.

Last fall I attended the Special Conference appointed by Synod to be held in New Market; a number of the brethren were present, whilst others distant from that point were kept away by the heavy rains which fell at that time. The meeting notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather was well attended by the good people of that place. The brother laboring at that place confirmed during the meeting some twenty-five or thirty persons, whom he had been instrumental, by catechetical lectures and occasional preaching, in preparing for a public profession of religion. The little labor performed by that brother for the last few years in that charge, has been done under afflictions and bodily infirmities which few men, very few would have borne; added to this are opposition and difficulties of almost every possible species. The sympathies, prayers, and aid of Synod would be as properly bestowed upon br. Oswald and his church, as any object within the bounds of Synod. We hope that the day is not distant when he will feel able to resume his place as a member of this body.

I regret to inform you that we have been forgotten by a number of sister Synods in the distribution of their minutes, and consequently we have learned little of the doings of other bodies. To you in your present deliberations, and efforts for the good of our beloved Zion, may the Great head of the Church vouchsafe his grace and the guidance of his holy spirit.

JNO. B. DAVIS.

(B.)

REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF SISTER SYNODS.

Your committee have had before them copies of the minutes of the Synods of South Carolina, North Carolina, South Western Virginia, Maryland, New York, Hartwick, East Pennsylvania, Synods of Pittsburg, Miami, and of the West, and of the last session of the General Synod, from which, and other sources, they have compiled the following report. As the only practicable mode of communication between the Synods, constituting the American Lutheran church, is by the interchange of

minutes, the committee would remind Synod of the increasing importance of this medium of correspondence, and recommend the adoption of such rule upon the subject, as will secure with greater certainty the transmission of our own minutes, and the reception of those of other Synods. The importance of some more efficient rule upon this subject will appear from the fact, that during the past year, the minutes of not more than half of our Synods have been received, and consequently we are left unadvised of the doings of a very large portion of the church, except so far as they have been gathered from unofficial sources. The resolution your committee have appended to this report, if adopted, and a corresponding one should be adopted by other Synods, may tend, it is thought, to secure the object proposed. The committee believe it proper, on this occasion, to include in their report some reference to all our sister Synods, as far as this was practicable from the sources of information before them, and have done so in the following order, referring the statistical items to be embodied in a separate table, given at the close of the report.

1. *Synod of South Carolina*.—Held its last session at Savannah, Ga., Nov'r. 8th, 1845. Its officers, Rev. J. C. Hope, Pomaria, S. C., President, and Rev. W. Berly, Newberry C. H., S. C., Secretary. The President, in his report, notices the fact that it was then 25 years since the formation of their Synod, by a band of only six of their brethren. That its organization then was under circumstances exceedingly discouraging, and their success obstructed by a variety of causes peculiar to their southern location, but that God had greatly prospered them, so that now it was proper that the subject of a new Synod should be considered, to comprise the churches west of the Savannah river. The report also adds "that in the intelligence and piety of their people there is a perceptible improvement." The Theological Seminary, at Lexington, under the care of this Synod, is referred to as presenting a more cheering aspect, and the directors add that they are gradually surmounting the difficulties which heretofore, in a great degree, opposed its success. The examination of their students is spoken of as highly creditable both to them and their professors, and the report of the Treasnrer shows that their funds are prosperous. Their number of students has also increased during the year.

The state of religion in the bounds of this Synod is noted as prosperous, revivals more or less extensive, having taken place in many of their churches. The contributions of the churches for education and missionary purposes, both home and foreign, are made with a generous liberality. The report to Synod shows upwards of \$500 on hand for missionary purposes, and the sum of \$3,660, realized from their Centenary effort, which was appropriated, in equal portions to their Seminary, to the cause of Missions, and to constitute a fund for disabled ministers and their families. Your committee notice with pleasure, from their minutes generally, that the brethren of this Synod are efficiently engaged in the work of the master and that their churches are prosperous.

2. *North Carolina Synod*.—From the minutes of this Synod, we learn that its last session was held in St. Paul's church, Orange Co., N. C., May 2d, 1845. Its officers, Rev. J. D. Sheck, China Grove, Rowan Co., N. C., President, and Rev. S. Rothrock, Rockville, Rowan Co., N. C., Secretary. They have some \$1,300 of their Centenary funds invested and appropriated in aid of the Lexington Seminary, and their education and missionary efforts are successful. Their churches are reported as advancing in activity and piety, and the cause of religion prospering. The next session was appointed to be held at Union church, Rowan county, N. C., on the 1st Sunday in May, 1846.

3. *Synod of South Western Virginia*.—Held its last session in St. John's church,

Wythe Co., Va., June 7th, 1845. Rev. E. Hawkins, Pleasant Hill, Smyth Co., Va., President, and Rev. J. A. Brown, Wytheville, Wythe Co., Va., Secretary. No reference is made to the minutes of our Synod, or our delegate appointed to attend their Synod, from which we infer that said delegate did not attend, and that our minutes were not received. Brother Schaffer, a licentiate of our Synod, in compliance with an arrangement authorized in regard to his case, was received a member of this Synod, and his examination being satisfactory, his license was renewed.

The President, Secretary, and Rev. G. Sherer, were appointed a committee to correspond with this Synod on the propriety of establishing an English Lutheran Mission in the city of Richmond. The committee learn that their communication has been received by the President, and that the subject will be suitably recommended to the attention of Synod. This Synod has collected \$900 of their Centenary funds, which, with \$359 received from the South Carolina Synod, are to be invested, and the interest applied to the education of pious, indigent young men for the ministry. The annual meeting of the Education and Missionary Society was held during the session of Synod, and some \$80 collected in aid of its funds, from which five young men are assisted in their studies for the ministry. The President in his report, urges that more care be given to the religious instruction of the young, and adds "that most of our churches are increasing in numbers, constant in the use of the means of grace, and persevering in well doing."

4. *Synod of Maryland*.—Held its last session in St. Paul's church, Washington city, D. C., Oct. 16th, 1845. Its officers, Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., Baltimore, Md., Pres't, Rev. C. Lepley, Frostburg, Md., Sec'y, and Rev. J. Heck, Waynesboro', Pa., Assistant Secretary, to whom it is requested that the minutes of sister Synods be transmitted. Among the corresponding members present, was the Rev. J. Few Smith, delegate from this Synod, to whose report Synod is respectfully referred. Among the ministerial changes noted by the President, is that of the Rev. D. F. Bittle, formerly a member of this Synod, now located at Middletown, Md., and has consequently become a member of that body. The churches in the bounds of this Synod seems to be all well supplied and the state of religion encouraging. In several of the charges gracious influences of divine favor have been experienced during the year, whilst, says the President, "none of us have labored without some indications of good." The benevolent operations of the church, are sustained in the bounds of this Synod, with a liberality that deserves all praise. The Synodical contributions were \$95. Upwards of \$1,300 were paid to the Treasurer of the Parent Education Society for sustaining the beneficiaries, thirteen in number, under the care of Synod, and \$1,150 were pledged for the ensuing year. These contributions are all independent of large amounts for local purposes.

Their mission at Washington was prospering, and Synod had the pleasure of convening in the church erected under its care, and carried forward by the zeal and energy of its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Muller. To remedy the difficulties too often experienced, in regard to ministerial support, this Synod adopted a resolution, recommending that in churches where the communion is semi-annual, the pastor's subscription should be paid semi-annually; and when they are quarterly, these payments to be quarterly. For the same reasons your committee would recommend the adoption of a similar resolution by this body.

5. *New York Synod*.—Its last session was held in Albany, Sept'r. 1845. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., Albany, N. Y., Pres't, and Rev. J. C. Duy, New Prospect, Bergen Co., N. J., Secretary. From its minutes and report to the General Synod, we gather that this Synod is actively and zealously engaged in the cause of Christ. Its report

says, "Our churches generally are prospering. Revivals of religion have been frequent, and perfect harmony prevails in our borders." Some new churches have been erected—the debt on others paid or diminished, and its contributions in aid of the cause of education, missions, &c., are liberal. Upwards of \$2,000 are invested as the "Widow's fund," to which upwards of \$100 were contributed at its last session. Rev. H. J. Smith, is now the principal, and Rev. Dr. Miller, Professor of Theology, in the Seminary at Hartwick, which now promises to be prosperous.

The Semi-centennial anniversary of this Synod, was celebrated during its session, the exercises of which seem to have been highly interesting. Sermons adapted to the occasion, were delivered by the Rev. P. F. Mayer, D. D., of Philadelphia, and Rev. G. B. Miller, D. D., of Hartwick Seminary, and the exercises throughout were appropriate to the occasion.

The following sensible resolutions were unanimously adopted by this Synod :

Resolved, That we heartily disapprove of the controversy concerning old and new measures, as it has been carried on for the last few years, as tending to weaken the strength and influence of the church, by interrupting the harmonious and combined action of her ministers and members, and "cutting the link of brotherhood," which should bind us together in one harmonious mass.

Resolved, That whilst we condemn the two extremes into which the present age seems prone to run, a superstitious veneration for antiquity on the one hand, and a fondness for novelty on the other, we regard it as the true policy of the Lutheran church for each pastor to adopt such measures in his own charge, as he conscientiously believes to be consistent with the Bible, and likely to prove useful.

6. *Hartwick Synod*.—Held its last session at Schaghticoke, June 7, 1845. Rev. G. A. Lintner, D. D., Schoharie, N. Y., Pres't, and Rev. D. Eyster, Johnstown, N. Y., Sec'y.

Several new churches have been erected and dedicated, and the reports to Synod shew that the state of religion is prosperous. The generous liberality of a Mr. Russell is noticed, who presented to the Lutheran congregation at Saugerties, a small tract of land, with a large brick building on it, to be fitted up as a house of worship. Your committee unite in commending such liberality in our people as deserving of the highest praise, and would rejoice at being able more frequently to record them. Are not we as ministers at fault on this subject, and by a judicious influence might not the church in its pecuniary affairs, be much more assisted in this respect. The report of the Education and Missionary committee notices with interest, the labors of the Rev. Mr. Gunn, our missionary now associated with the Rev. Mr. Heyer, at Guntoor, in India, and makes a strong appeal to the churches in aid of the mission.

7. *Synod of Pennsylvania*.—Its minutes of last year not received. From those of the previous year, we learn that it was appointed to meet at Reading, on Trinity Sunday, the usual time of its convention. Its officers then, Rev. J. Miller, D. D., Reading, Pa, Pres't, and Rev. J. W. Richards, Germantown, Pa., Sec'y. This is the oldest Synod in the church, having been organized now one hundred years, and numbers some 70 ministers. The Rev. Mr. Heyer, in India, is the missionary of this Synod, and under its direction. Their receipts for missionary purposes were \$1,577. Arrangements have been made to celebrate a "Centenary Jubilee," which doubtless added great interest to the last session of Synod, when the celebration was appointed to take place. Previous to the last year, the minutes of this Synod have uniformly been received.

8. *East Pennsylvania Synod* —Met at Lebanon, Oct. 3d, 1845, which was its fourth annual meeting. Rev. J. P. Shindle, Sunbury, Pa., Pres't, and Rev. J. L. Schock, Reading, Pa., Secretary. Its proceedings are characterized by the spirit of activity,

energy and zealous devotion to the cause of Christ. They sustained, last year, eight young men at Gettysburg, in their education for the ministry, and have resolved to sustain the same number the present year. They have built nine new churches, and organized a number of new congregations. Their next meeting is appointed at Milton, on the last Thursday in September, 1846.

9. *West Pennsylvania Synod*.—Its meeting in Sept., 1844, was held in York, Pa. Its officers then, Rev. A. H. Lochman, York, Pa., Pres't, and Rev. J. Albert, Hanover, Pa., Sec'y. The Alleghany Synod was formed out of this Synod, since which time it has increased to number again nearly as many ministers as before. From its report to the General Synod, we learn that its affairs are prosperous, and the benevolent enterprises of the church are actively and zealously sustained. Its minutes of last year not received.

10. *Alleghany Synod*.—Its officers are, Rev. J. Martin, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Pres't, and Rev. R. Weiser, Selinsgrove, Union county, Pa., Sec'y. They have a number of vacancies in the bounds of their Synod, and have organized a number of new congregations. From their report to the General Synod, we learn that the Synod and churches in its bounds are prosperous, and that the cause of missions, education and other objects of benevolence, are actively sustained by them. Their minutes for the last year not received.

11. *Pittsburg Synod*.—This is a new Synod, organized at a convention of ministers held in Pittsburg, January 15th, 1845. The object in its formation was to provide more fully for the supply of our churches and people in the Western portion of Pennsylvania, and thus far its organization has been highly successful. A second session of the Synod was held at Shippensburg, June 5th, 1845. Its officers are, Rev. M. J. Steck, Greensburg, Pa., Pres't, and Rev. W. A. Passavant, Pittsburg, Pa., Sec'y. They have a travelling missionary, engaged to labor in the bounds of Synod, at a salary of \$300, whose duty it is to visit vacant congregations in their bounds and organize new ones. He has thus far labored with good success, and this plan of supplying missionary labor, by each Synod, in its own bounds, seems worthy of adoption by other Synods, where it would seem to be needed. They have established a classical school under the care of one of their ministers, and in general, though just organized, the Synod promises to be efficient.

12. *Joint Synod of Ohio*.—Consists of three separate Synods, meeting separately for two years, and jointly every third year. The Columbus Seminary is under the care of this Synod, but hitherto has not been prosperous. The Lutheran Standard is also under its direction, and is now published semi-monthly instead of weekly. This is the second largest Synod in our country.

13. *English Synod of Ohio*.—Is rapidly increasing in the number of its ministers and churches, and is now the second largest Synod in the West. Its officers, Rev. J. F. Ruth, Bucyrus, O., Pres't, and Rev. J. H. Hoffman, Washingtonville, O., Sec'y. The institution at Springfield, is under the care of this Synod, and has commenced with good success. Its minutes have not been received.

14. *Miami Synod*.—Is a new Synod, organized at Xenia, Ohio, Oct'r. 16th, 1844, and its second session held at Dayton, Ohio, April 19th, 1845. Rev. C. F. Schaffer, Lancaster, O., Pres't, and Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, Dayton, O., Sec'y. The President in his report, speaks encouragingly of their prospects of success, and refers to different places in the bounds of their Synod, where churches might be formed and would be successful. They discard the distinction of "old and new measures," by which the harmony of many of the churches had been disturbed, and profess to act upon the "well defined principles of Lutheranism." They have engaged in the

course of education and missions, and recommend a more uniform system of catechization for the young. Their next session to be held at Tarlton, Ohio, May 8, 1846.

15. *Synod of the West*.—Its last session was held at Mount Carmel, Ill. Its officers are, Rev. F. Springer, Springfield, Ill., President, and A. A. Trinper, Hillsboro', Ill., Secretary. The bounds of this Synod are large and its destitution very great. Some 20 congregations are vacant, but partially supplied by their missionary, engaged to labor in the bounds of Synod. They have \$954 paid, and some \$500 more subscribed towards founding a Theological Seminary. A division of the Synod was proposed, and probably agreed upon at its last session at Mount Carmel. Their minutes for the last year were not received.

16. *Synods of Indiana and Michigan*.—These are also recent organizations, of whose proceedings your committee have no information. There are also several other Synods, whose proceedings do not reach us, and of whom your committee would not be able to give any definite information.

The following table, based upon the Synodical reports for 1845, has been prepared by your committee with some care, and will present a general statistical view of the Lutheran church in the United States.

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

From Reports of 1845.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	When established.
1 Pennsylvania Synod, reported, -	68	224	5,298	2,545	32,274	1748
2 New York Synod,* - - -	35	36	1,123	364	6,300	1787
3 North Carolina Synod,* - - -	11	21	258	289	2,073	1803
4 Maryland Synod,* - - -	30	62	1,136	435	6,664	1818
5 West Pennsylvania Synod,* - -	43	128	2,190	1,355	14,053	1819
6 Virginia Synod,* - - -	20	40	380	247	2,415	1823
7 South Carolina,* - - -	30	40	469	411	2,784	1824
8 Hartwick Synod,* - - -	15	25	199	161	3,000	1830
9 East District Synod,†	22	80	230	170	8,000	1831
10 West District Synod,†	78	160	2,020	872	17,859	1831
11 English District Synod,†	9	35	110	80	5,000	1841
12 English Synod of Ohio,* - -	46	140	520	1,001	6,504	1833
13 Frankean Synod, - - -	27	40	100	150	3,000	1838
14 Synod of the West,* - - -	27	60	529	132	3,657	1841
15 East Pennsylvania Synod,* - -	23	52	673	333	5,207	1842
16 Western Virginia Synod,* - -	7	17	85	59	1,044	1842
17 Alleghany Synod,* - - -	16	61	852	648	6,811	1843
18 Michigan Synod, - - -	4	7	45	50	500	1843
19 Tennessee Synod, - - -	20	90	250	300	7,200	
20 Indiana Synod, - - -	13	30	130	200	2,000	
21 Miami Synod,* - - -	17	36	176	154	1,923	1844
22 Pittsburg Synod, - - -	15	52	514	264	3,473	1845
Total, - - -	576	1,444	17,287	10,22	143,762	

*Connected with the General Synod, which meets every three years,—its next session to be held in New York, on the Saturday succeeding the second Thursday in May, 1848.

†Meet separately two years and jointly every third year.

Your committee conclude with offering the following resolutions, the adoption of which, they believe will tend to secure more certainty in the transmission and reception of the minutes of our own and other Synods :

Resolved, That this Synod regards it as important, that the medium of correspondence between the different Synods of our church, by interchanging copies of their proceedings, should be carefully preserved.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Secretary of this Synod, to transmit, annually, except when otherwise directed, two copies of our minutes to each of our sister Synods, directed to their Secretaries respectively, endorsed "for the use of Synod ;" and said Synods are hereby respectfully requested to transmit similar copies of their minutes to our Secretary, for the use of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

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